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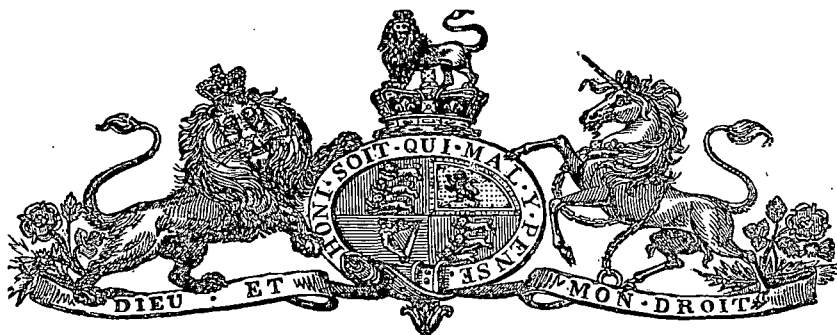
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## ULVERSTONE RAILWAY:

REPORT OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF ON PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE LINE OF RAILWAY.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*Public Works Office, Hobart, 23rd October, 1885.*

SIR,

IN accordance with your request, I now submit in writing the substance of the verbal report I made to you some time since with reference to the proposed alternative line of Railway which I was instructed to inspect, from Latrobe, *via* Hamilton-on-Forth, to Ulverstone.

The chief difficulty was the crossing of the Forth Valley. This cannot be done anywhere near Hamilton-on-Forth, except at such enormous cost as would justify the line being deemed impracticable, or except by running for miles up one side of the river and down the opposite side,—a course quite out of the question for a main trunk line of Railway.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*

*The Hon. The Minister.*